



Record Turn-out for Valley Forge Revolutionary 5-mile Run

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Nearly 1,500 Run, Walk in Third Annual Event

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. – Runners from as far away as Omaha, Neb. and Arlington, Va. helped make Sunday's Valley Forge Revolutionary 5-Mile Run, at Valley Forge National Historical Park, a record-breaking success.

A total of 1,270 runners registered for the five-mile race, an increase of 20 percent over last year. Another 159 people trekked the three-mile walk and 66 kids ran the one-mile youth fun run.

"The run was terrific and it keeps getting better every year," said Park Superintendent Mike Caldwell, who also ran the race. "We can't thank the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau enough for their vision, leadership and organization. We also appreciate the tremendous support of all the sponsors and volunteers."

The overall winner was 26-year-old Philadelphian Tom Haxton, with a time of 26:12. The first-place female finisher was Marina Muncan, 25, of Wayne, Pa., who ran the course in 28:48. Both received \$400 cash prizes.

Second-place \$200 winners were Cory Smith of Philadelphia, at 27:21, and Kate Taylor, of Ardmore, Pa., clocking a 29:36 finish. Third place went to John Kenny of Atlantic City, and Donna Palisca, of Eagleville, Pa., with times of 28:10 and 32:15 respectively. Each went home with \$100.

Winners of the 14-and-under category were 14 year-olds Ryan Fulmer, Broomall, Pa. with a time 31:14 and Nicole Rossi, of Collegeville, Pa., who finished at 44:05. The oldest category winners were Patrick Nutt, 78, of Kennett Square, Pa., with a time of 49:15 and 70-year-old Rita Alles, of Hamilton, N.J., at 55:08.

Bureau President Paul R. Decker said proceeds from the event would benefit Valley Forge National Historical Park trails preservation, including further improvements to its popular Joseph Plumb Martin Trail. He cited record sponsor revenue in the race's third year, allowing 100 per cent of runners' registration fees to go directly to the event's cause. Race financials will be made public when determined shortly.

For more category results and information about the run, go to:
www.revolutionaryrun.org.

About Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge National Historical Park is a national icon of the American Revolution that serves as a place where visitors enjoy, understand, care for and preserve America's history and natural heritage. The Park offers an engaging, complete educational and recreational experience, providing an important piece of the American story in a beautiful, historical, preserved landscape.

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